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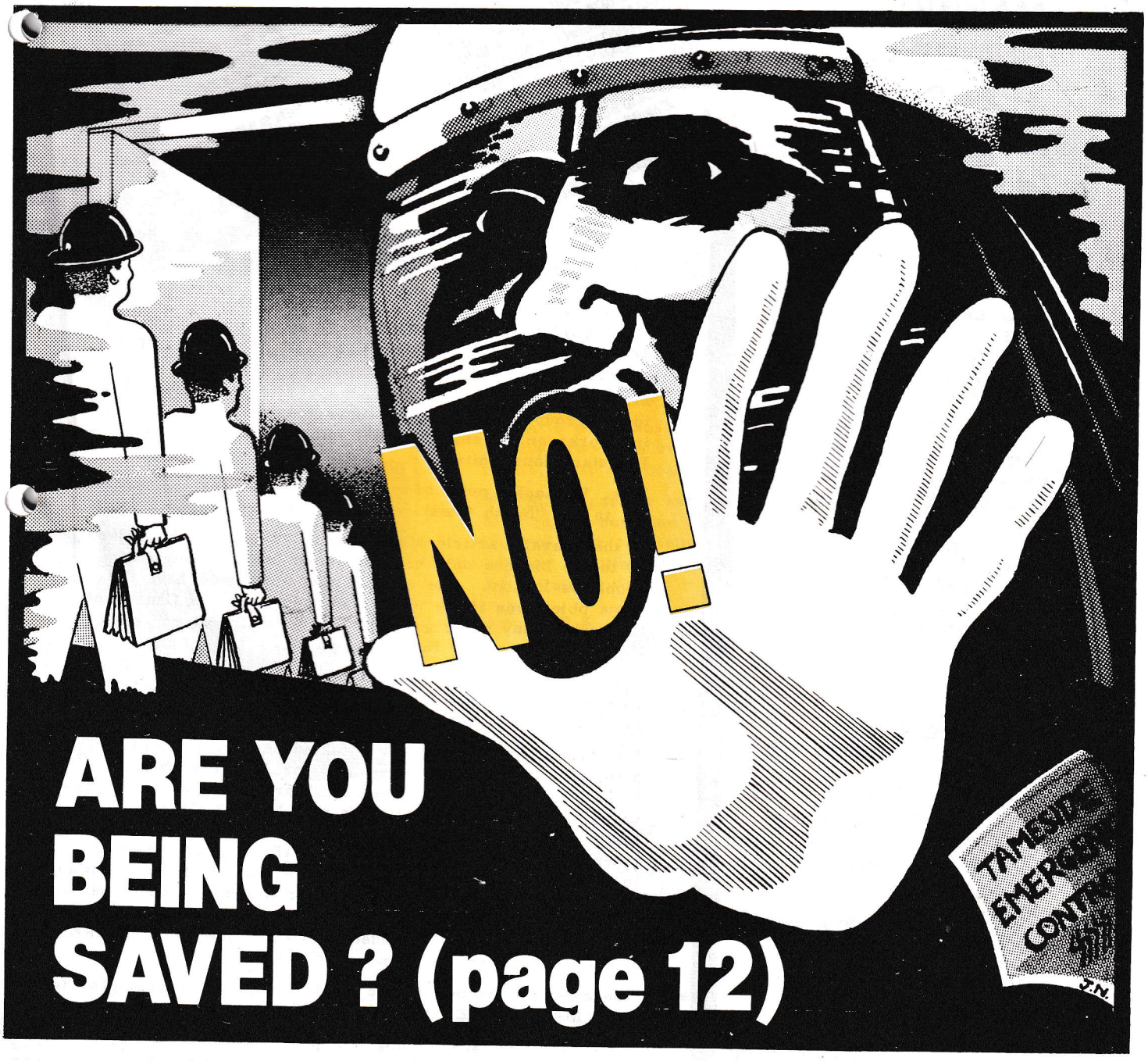

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News

MRS WOMACK AND THE MOSQUE

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED (A GROUP OF MANCHESTER H... ...VES), INVITE THE COMMISSION FOR RACIAL EQUALITY TO INVOKE ... 1976 RACE ACT AGAINST US, IN THAT WE REFUSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE POLICY OF MASS-COLOURED IMMIGRATION TO THIS COUNTRY.
WE DO SO ON THE GROUNDS, THAT NO POLITICAL PARTY SEEKING OFFICE, SOUGHT, OR WERE GIVEN A MANDATE FROM THE ELECTORATE TO IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY ___ FURTHERMORE NO PARLIAMENT HAS EVER GIVEN THEIR APPROVAL, OR CONSENT TO THIS POLICY ___ THEREFORE ANY LEGISLATION OR LEGISLATIVE BODIES, ARISING OUT OF THIS POLICY IS ILLEGAL.
TO PROVE OUR DETERMINATION THAT THIS CLAIM IS VALID, WE HAVE, IN THE PAST, AND INTEND TO CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE, TO EXERCISE OUR INALIENABLE RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH IN DENOUNCING BOTH THE POLICY OF MASS-COLOURED IMMIGRATION, AND ALL LEGISLATION ARISING OUT OF THIS POLICY.
OUR DENUNCIATION HAS TAKEN THE FORM OF PICKETING RACE-BOARDS, "SITTING IN" RACE-BOARDS, WRITING TO THE PRESS, PUBLISHING LEAFLETS, DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS, PROTESTING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, AND WHEREVER, AND WHENEVER THE OCCASION ARISES IN PUBLIC TO EXPRESS OUR VIEWS ON THIS MATTER.
IT HAS COME TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THAT OTHERS HAVE BEEN SUMMONSED UNDER THE 1976 RACE ACT, AND WE ARE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT THE LAW HAS NOT BEEN INVOKED AGAINST US, PERHAPS YOU ARE NOT AWARE OF OUR ACTIVITIES, SO WE HEREBY TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF INFORMING YOU SO YOU CAN TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION AGAINST US.
GNED MARY DYER
L WOMACK
J CAMPBELL
E McBRIAR
& Published by a group of Manchester Housewives. 2.1.79

A WOMAN FIGHTING A 'NON-RACIST' CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE BUILDING OF A MOSQUE IN HYDE IS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL FRONT WITH A HISTORY OF RACIST ACTIVITY....

Mrs. Louie Womack is the spokesperson for a Hyde residents group opposed to the conversion of an old engineering works on Greenfield Street into a Mosque for the local Pakistani community.

Mrs. Womack's point of view was given an extensive airing in the "North Cheshire Herald" on 2nd March.

In the 'Herald' article Mrs. Womack said that she objected to the Mosque only because it would cause parking problems locally. She claimed that she would "have the same objections if the place was wanted by the Church of England or any other group". She "strongly denied" any "element of racism" in her campaign.

But, the Herald report DID NOT mention that Mrs. Louie Womack is a former member of the National Front, whose racist views are well known.

In March, Mrs. Womack was taking part in a picket at the Manchester offices of the Council for Racial Equality. A leaflet was handed out signed by "Three Manchester Housewives" - one of the signatories was Mrs. Womack The leaflet claimed that Mrs. Womack and her associates had taken part in "picketing, sit-ins, leafletting and protests in the House of Commons against the Policy of mass immigration to this country". It went on to express surprise that they had not been prosecuted under the 1976 Race Act for these activities. It ended with a challenge to the CRE to take action against them under the Act.

The other two names on the leaflet apart from Mrs. Womacks' were MARY DWYER and E. McBRIAR.

Elsie McBriar is a leading member of the Bury National Front. She stood as their Parliamentary Candidate in 1974

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Sterling's shocker

GIVE US £3m!

Eye warned you!

STERLING MOULDINGS LIMITED - THE ACCIDENT PRONE CHEMICAL GROUP - IS CLAIMING OVER £3m IN COMPENSATION FROM TAMESIDE.

THE MOVE FOLLOWS ATTEMPTS BY THE COUNCIL TO REVOKE PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THE COMPANY'S NEW RESIN PLANT IN DUKINFIELD.

Sterling's massive compensation bid - which was discussed recently at a highly confidential special council committee meeting - includes a claim for 125 'redundancies' and 'administration costs' at Queen Mill in Dukinfield where the resin plant is still being built.

QUEEN MILL

Any compensation will have to come from the rates. A fact which has not escaped the notice of leading politicians of both parties who appear to have agreed not to release news of the bid to the press 'til after the ELECTION.

The agreement - if indeed there was one - was broken on April 23rd. when news of Sterling's bid appeared in the Manchester Evening News. The probable source was Tory leader Colin Grantham.

George Newton is in a particularly difficult position. As leader of the Labour group, hoping to win control in Tameside in May,, he daren't antagonise the ratepayers. But as a Dukinfield Councillor, he daren't antagonise the very active residents' group around Queen Mill.

Which is why George is playing his cards very close to his chest at present.

But BOTH parties had a hand in the confused thinking and poor decision-making that resulted in the £3m claim.

Vote

The decision to ALLOW Sterling to build the plant was taken in December 1976 on the casting vote of the then Mayor, Tory Councillor Eric Clarke.

After local residents protested, the decision was re-considered at a full council meeting. Here Councillor Abbey (Con) dismissed the residents' worries and claimed to have "gargled with Phenol". (Phenol is, in fact, a highly dangerous chemical in undiluted form).

And Colin Grantham, the Tory Leader, picked up official ICI and SHELL fact sheets supplied by worried residents and denounced them as "scaremongering claptrap produced by students". The planning permission was confirmed. But the Queen Mill residents did not give up. And their case was strengthened by a number of accidents at Sterling factories.

- In December 1976 there was a leak of Styrene Monomer from their Castle Mill works in Stalybridge.

SOME-ONE at Sterling has been bothered enough by EYE'S reporting to distribute a duplicated hand-out entitled STERLING EYE to workers at Queen Mill.

STERLING EYE accuses us of factual inaccuracy and of "landing Tameside with ...(a)..claim for compensation".

It's flattering that the Sterling management credit us with such power.

- In June'77 residents had to be evacuated when a reactor at Castle Mill overheated.
- In June '78 500 gallons of Styrene Monomer leaked from Castle into the Tame. Poisonous and explosive fumes were given off and residents, once more, were evacuated.
- A week later fumes from Queen Mill caused nausea, vomiting and impaired breathing amongst residents.
- In August '78 one of the 12 silos at Castle Mill caught fire and exploded whilst firemen were tackling it,. Three firemen were hospitalised

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PARROT HORROR!

DID THE TAMESIDE PEST CONTROL DEPARTMENT LAY PUTTY-BAITED MOUSE TRAPS TO CATCH TWO MARAUDING PARROTS - OR DID THEY NOT? THIS BURNING ISSUE HAS OCCUPIED THE FRONT PAGE OF THE ASHTON REPORTER FOR TWO SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.....

For three months, it seems, windows in Smallshaw have been dropping out. The cause? Two escaped parrots with a penchant for putty!

On 23rd March, the front page of the Reporter had a Tameside spokesman admitting that the Tameside Pest Control Parrot squad had laid mousetraps baited with putty all round Smallshaw, to catch the parrots.

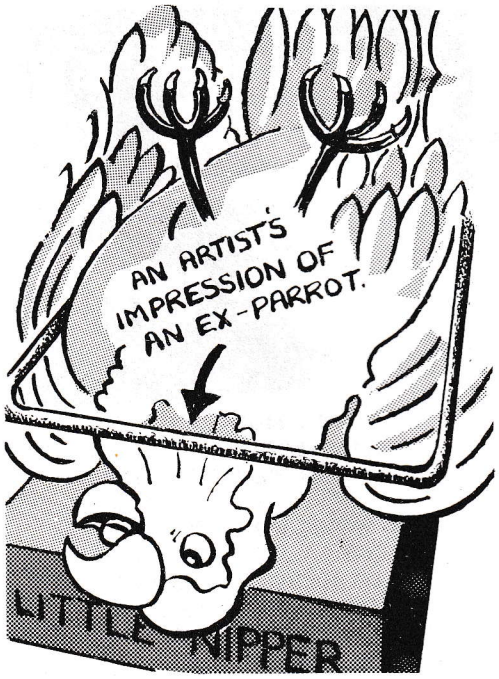
Parrot fanciers the world over were outraged. Plane loads of RSPCA inspectors converged on Tameside.

And then, a week later, the Reporter carried another front page story in which someone called Rick Dobbins, claiming to be from Pest Control, denied everything. The Parrot Squad had NOT laid mouse-traps!

WHAT ARE WE TO THINK? DID THE REPORTER MAKE A GHASTLY MISTAKE? OR DID THE MEN FROM THE PARROT SQUAD TELL A LIE? WHO, OR WHAT, IS RICK DOBBINS?

DO PARROTS REALLY EAT PUTTY?

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR A FULL INVESTIGATION....



WOMACK (cont.)

and until a few weeks ago was to stand again in May. But she stood down in protest against what she considered to be her party's "shabby" treatment of racist hunger-striker Robert Relf.

Mary Dwyer stood as a National Front Candidate for Werneth, Hyde, in 1974. She is a former Tory. She is reported to have taken part in the notorious flour bombing on Roy Jenkins, in the early 70's.

In 1975 when Kingsley Read left the NF to form his own Party he threatened Mary with a libel suit after she had accused him of embezzling funds.

Mary is no longer in the National Front but has clearly not stopped her racist activities. She is a frequent contributor to "The Reporter" Letter page and in 1978 stood as an independent candidate for Werneth Ward in the May elections.

Louie Womack has been a close associate of Mary Dwyer for some time.

Sterling (cont.)

with a skin irritation. The cause of this was said, at the time, to be, 'unknown'.

- Finally, last October Sterling were fined £400 for the Styrene leak in June.

Labour Councillors, including George Newton were now strongly against the Queen Mill Resin Plant. And in December the council voted to ask the Secretary of State to allow them to revoke the planning permission they had given two years previously. But work on the plant has gone on. And the directors of Queen Mill were clearly not impressed when Newton, and his deputy Roy Oldham visited them with a let-out plan to move ALL Sterlings factories to a completely new site far away from residential estates.

Between December and March, Sterling kept quiet. Then, last month it was announced that they had been taken over by Rio Tinto Zinc.

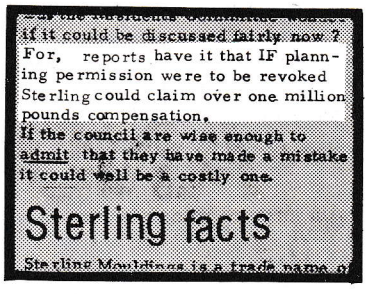
Soon after this the £3m compensation bid was made.

Queen Mill residents are now very worried. They fear that the council will back down.

It is certainly arguable that Sterling have put in such an INFLATED claim in order to panic rates-concious councillors into reviewing their decision yet again. WHATEVER the new council decides to do Sterling can STILL claim compensation. Unless they choose to waive it as part of a deal which gives them back planning permission for the resin plant.

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE INSIDE INFO !

As predicted in EYE no.1


if it could be discussed fairly now ?
For, reports have it that IF planning permission were to be revoked Sterling could claim over one million pounds compensation.
If the council are wise enough to admit that they have made a mistake it could well be a costly one.

Sterling facts

Sterling Mouldings is a trade name of

GREAT GRANT GRAB

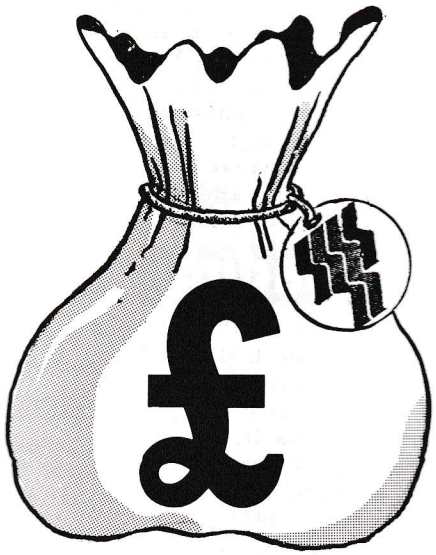
THIS YEAR OUR AREA IS GETTING £¼m. IN "URBAN AID" FROM CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. TAMESIDE COUNCIL HAS GRABBED THE LOT FOR 4 OF ITS OWN PROJECTS. AND THE OTHER 38 GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE NOT GETTING A LOOK-IN LEAVING MANY INDEPENDENT AND COMMUNITY GROUPS VERY ANGRY.

"Urban Aid" is considered to be a good way of getting cash for new or experimental schemes. Central Government provides 75% of the cash, which is also guaranteed for 5 years. It is a good opportunity for community groups to receive funds for projects which otherwise would not get done.

However, in Tameside community groups have received shabby treatment from the Council over "Urban Aid". Last October was the dead-line for submitting grant applications. Less than one week before the applications had to be submitted, many groups had not been told about the dead-line date. In fact, for several groups, it was only by accident that they found out at all. At least two groups were forced to prepare their applications on the Sunday before they were due in. One group had to get the application form on the Friday before, by going into Ashton Town Hall; here, the Committee Clerk's Office had no spare forms, so they had to photo-copy their file copy.

Shambles

The next stage was a shambles. Three Councillors from each Committee were meant to vet all the Urban Aid applications. Councillor Abbey revealed in Council that the Education group never met, and the same happened in Housing too. Later, community groups found out that matters were discussed at these Groups-of-Three which required consultation. In Manchester, the groups are asked along for discussion with Councillors: here in Tameside they do not do this.



Priorities

Eventually, some 42 applications were laid before the Council, more than half of which were community and voluntary group submissions. Although there was some talk of supporting "The Year of the Child", the Chief Executive, David Spiers, claimed that central government had given little guidance to local authorities on how to prioritise applications. The Councillors accepted this advice in full, despite the fact that this year's priorities were clearly outlined in the Urban Aid Circular, (as Ethnic minorities, children and transport). So, Councillor Hall moved that all the applications be submitted and this motion was passed unanimously.

All the applications went down to the Department of Environment (DOE). Naturally enough, London civil servants - knowing little of Tameside's needs - found themselves faced with pulling projects out of a hat.

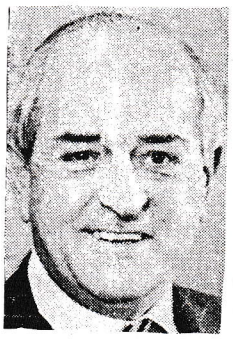
To their credit, they refused to do this, and the 42 applications were returned with a request for Tameside Council to "prioritise" 10. This is a repeat of what happened the year before.

Tameside Council as a whole, could not consider which 10 projects to push forward - because the DOE wanted a decision urgently.

The leader of our Tory Party, Councillor Grantham, used this urgency well. Several sources report that he drew up a priority list on his own. There were no voluntary or community groups on this list. The DOE demanded another list of 10 independent groups - which Grantham again drew up himself. The final result was factory units in Hattersley and Stalybridge, and two specialist education schemes.

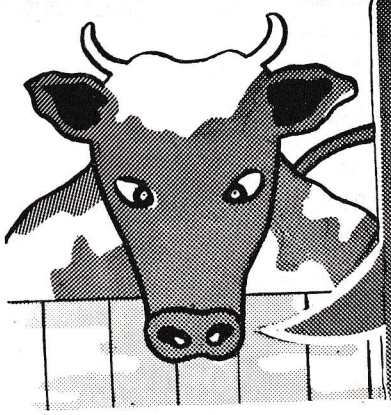
Inner City?

Why fund factory units under Urban Aid? There are many other types of central government cash for these essentially industrial and commercial schemes. David Spiers, Chief Executive - on £15,645 p.a., is trying hard to have Tameside declared an "Inner City" area - in order to get access to the large amounts of cash available under the Inner Cities Programme.



Tory Leader

It is worth having a glance at how Manchester handle their Urban Aid/Inner Cities cash. There the Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) have co-ordinated the independent groups' applications, and Councillors have consulted with groups. The process is far more open than in Tameside, with groups being kept much better informed.



BAILIFFS! milk distressed cows...

A 700 YEAR-OLD LAW USED BY TAMESIDE TO CONFISCATE PROPERTY IN LIEU OF RENT ARREARS IS ARBITRARY AND OUT OF DATE.

In EYE 5 we reported that hard-line housing officials had persuaded councillors to re-introduce the "Distress for Rent" procedure in Tameside.
This enables the council to seize a tenants property and sell it off to pay rent arrears. The method is attractive to council landlords because it avoids lengthy court procedures.

COWS

EYE reporters have been unearthing more information on this "Ancient Landlords Right".
For example, it was first put on the statute book in 1267 A.D. - over 700 years ago !

It can't be used at night. And never on Sunday !
Property can only be confiscated from the place on which rent is due.
Outside doors and windows can't be forced to gain entry.
And, says this venerable law, bailiffs must always milk cows before confiscating them !
But once the bailiff is inside "Distress" comes into its own. He has only to declare his intention to legally possess any belongings he fancies, and, hey-presto ! - they are his.
And tenants cannot check whether they really ARE in arrears till after their property has effectively gone.

One woman in North Kensington, for example, found herself under threat of "distress" for a miscalculated bill that was in excess of her real arrears by £30. And the original debt had been incurred whilst she was in hospital ! The threat of "distress" was only withdrawn after a local law centre had intervened.

spreading

Use of "distress" is spreading. A recent SHELTER report reveals that up to a third of all Housing departments use it.
The City of Nottingham, for example, issued 3,906 warrants in 1977/78.

In January, Stockport seized the belongings of one tenant to recover arrears of £10 !

facts

Tameside Housing officials claim that "distress" had to be re-introduced as a threat to stop massive arrears building up.

But Tameside's own figures are not conclusive.

In November 1978 21,995 tenants owed Tameside £227,753 in rent. This was £50,000 up on the August 1976 figure.
The % was well below inflation and still only 2·5% of total rents collected. The vast majority owed less than £20. Only 1,067 owed more than £50 and only 69 tenants owed more than £300 - ·001% of the total number of tenants in the area.

VERY VERY FEW TENANTS IN TAMESIDE ARE BADLY IN DEBT TO THE COUNCIL BUT ALL ARE THREATENED BY THE NEW "DISTRESS" RULING.

(THANKS TO P.N.S.)

COLIN GRANTHAM, that loveable self-effacing leader of our Tory Council, has been privileged to appear in our pages many times, but despite this does not appear to like us.

He recently promised the Trustees of the Tameside Community Involvement Council, that he would "personally" look into why the Tameside Volunteer Bureau advertises in EYE. Not content with this our COLIN has, in his capacity as Chairman of the Tameside Theatre Board of Management, had the Theatre Manager on the carpet, demanding to know why he took an advert in EYE 4.

and what about the curious behaviour of TOM PENDRY labour MP for Stalybridge and Hyde? TOM wrote us a letter of support back in EYE 1 and donated £5. But when he heard he was due to be mentioned in last months story about ACCRO we received a 'phone call from his lawyer friend PETER PLUCK, who wanted, for some reason, to see an advance copy.

REACTIONS OF OUR RULERS TO TAMESIDE EYE.....

last, but certainly not least, that cuddly man JOHN BELL, the Tory Councillor for Werneth, Hyde. Sources report that in January JOHN assured the Managers of Greenfield Street Primary School (see EYE 3) that EYE had already been issued with several writs, and that "steps were being taken" to remove us from the market.

Unfortunately JOHN, we have received NO writs. This is because all our stories are TRUE. And better than that they are always checked by a qualified lawyer.

TAMESIDE EYE HELP POSTER

CUT OUT AND KEEP

HOUSING & HOMELESS

Housing Aid Centre 330-8355

Homeless Single Men 370-2181

Homeless Boys 370-2181
336-0736

SHELTER

Local No. 698-3653
Manchester 834-5473

WOMEN

Battered Wives:

Tameside (Meg) 339-2345
Oldham (Simon) 653-0326
Rochdale (Rose) 29-47696
Stockport 480-3844

Abortion Advice:

Manchester Pregnancy Advisory Service: 834-4261
834-0440

Family Planning:

Contact: 330-8373
for times of various clinics.

VOLUNTARY WORK

For general advice on Voluntary work opportunities Contact Tameside Volunteer Bureau. 339-2345

Youth Voluntary Work

Youth Action Tameside 336-3910

Ethnic Groups.

Teach English to Asian Women. 330-0424

ELDERLY

Age Concern Tameside
64 Warrington St. A-u-L
308-3697

RACIAL EQUALITY

Tameside Council for Racial Equality. 336-3359

MENTAL ILLNESS

for advice on facilities available contact: 330-9223

Agoraphobia Groups.

Denton 336-8869
Salford 793-7176
Chorlton 881-1937

ALCOHOL PROBLEMS

Alcohol Info. Centre
300 Stamford St. A-u-L
Meg/Harry 339-2345

Alcoholics Anonymous, Weds. 7-30p.m.

Clyde House,
Clyde St. A-u-L.
Al-Anon (support for families of Alcoholics)
Thurs. 7-30p.m. as above.

RESOURCE/ADVICE CENTRES

Tameside Vol. Bureau 339-2345
M/Cr. Area Res. Cent 236-1117
Samaritans 834-9000
832-4688

Legal Advice:

M/cr. Law Centre 225-5111
Prisoners Aid 881-1930

Legal Surgeries:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays in month-7-9 p.m. 368-8992
Hattersley Comm. Cent.

Claimants/Welfare Rights,

As above on;
Mondays 2-4 & 7-9p.m.
Weds. 10-12a.m.

ONE-PARENT FAMILIES

Stalybridge Assoc. 338-6230

Tameside Gingerbread, Dog & Partridge, Brook St. East, A-u-L.
Weds. 8-30p.m.(Joan) 308-2189

SINGLES (Over 40's)GROUP

Dog & Partridge,
Thurs. 8-30 p.m.
Contact as above.

Tameside Depts.

EMERGENCIES 339-2222
week-ends/evenings.

Building Services 370-9611
Engineers/Highways
Sewers/Street Lighting. 368-4044

Environmental Health:

Refuse Collection 338-2245
Emergency No. 338-2605

Education Department:

Town Hall, Duki. 330-8300

Recreation Dept. 336-6431

Planning Dept. 368-4044

Architects. 370-6111

Estates & Valuation. 330-5636

Libraries & Arts 330-5636

Careers Advice.

Ashton 330-2931
Hyde 368-2691

Tameside Hospital 330-8373

ASHTON/MOSSLEY

Social Services 330-9236
Social Security 330-8333
Housing (Division) 330-8355
(Central) 336-6431

STALYBRIDGE/DUKINFIELD

Social Services 366-8222
Social Security 330-8333
Housing 338-2245

HYDE/MOTTRAM

Social Services 366-8222
Social Security 368-5221
Housing 368-4044

DENTON/DROYLSDEN/AUDENSHAW.

Social Services 336-9621
Social Security 370-4081
Housing 336-6431

Info you didn't get on your hand-out

THERE ARE 18 COUNCIL SEATS UP FOR GRABS ON 3rd MAY AND POLITICAL POWER IN TAMESIDE HANGS IN THE BALANCE.

SOME INFO - SOME TRIVIAL SOME SERIOUS - ON SOME COUNCILLORS SEEKING RE-ELECTION.

THE TWO MAJOR TAMESIDE PARLIAMENTARY SEATS ARE ASHTON AND STALYBRIDGE & HYDE.

ASHTON, HELD BY ROBERT SHELDON (LAB) IS BEING CONTESTED BY LOCAL TORY ALAN FEARN. IN STALY - BRIDGE & HYDE, TOM PENDRY (LAB) IS FIGHTING OFF A CHALLENGE FROM JOHN KERSHAW (CON)..

EYE ANTI ELECTION SPECIAL

Sylvia Swiffin Lab
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THE ISSUES

WELL, WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

Nationally it's easy!

Prices, unemployment, wages unions, boss power, Europe, to cut or spend in the public sector etc. etc. They've been given a fair bashing by the national press.

But what about Tameside?

There are 18 council seats up for grabs and the political balance at the Town Hall is pretty delicate. The Tories are in power by a tiny margin. Three or four lost seats will tip it and put Labour back at the controls.
'So what', I hear you ask.

Well, quite a bit.

If Labour takes over, Tameside will be comprehensive by September.

A Direct Works Department will be created to replace ailing Building Services, and the small local contractors, who are at present doing much of the Borough's repair work, will have to look elsewhere for their profits.

Spending on Social Services will increase. The rates will rise.

Some will grin, others sigh.

There will, however, be little fundamental change.

At grassroots level, the tenants associations and playgroups and what-not that spring up and die and spring up again with manic regularity will be encouraged, so long as they don't cause trouble, and discouraged if they do.

Real power locally will remain with the two big parties, and the people with money and influence.
A vote now for any of the current crop of council candidates will not change that.

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Why you should vote

There's no alternative.

No-one is going to work the revolution that's needed.

The Parliamentary parties depend too much on established interests, and the would-be revolutionaries of the far-left talk a language too far removed from the mass of us to achieve power under any normal circumstances.

Unless there is a complete economic breakdown, effective political power will remain with the Tory and Labour Parties in Parliament.

So...if you're against excessive private profit, in favour of comprehensive education and healthy public services, and so on, vote LABOUR.

If you don't like paying income tax, are against union closed shops and are for private enterprise and profit, vote TORY.

But don't blame us if you don't get all, or even any of what you want. You pays your money and you get to grab at a crumb!

Scoop

TAMESIDE EYE has scooped those Reporter hacks again! In issue 5, way back in March, we told you that our local caring Co-op had been beaten in its bid for the ground floor of Tameside's new £11m civic block. The victors in the battle for this prime money-making spot were, we said, International Stores, a branch of the British American Tobacco Empire. On April 13th - a month after we hit the streets - the Reporter carried this self-same story - now somewhat stale - as its shock-horror front page lead!

Info you didn't ge

THERE ARE 18 COUNCIL SEATS UP FOR GRABS ON 3rd MAY AND POLITICAL POWER IN TAMESIDE HANGS IN THE BALANCE.

SOME INFO - SOME TRIVIAL SOME SERIOUS - ON SOME COUNCILLORS SEEKING RE-ELECTION.

Sylvia Swiffin Lab
Ward 7, NEWTON

One of the few women willing to speak her mind in Council. Pity it's so rarely worth hearing. Talks like a transport house handout. Appears to think the Labour Party is Socialist. Generous to a fault: when she was membership secretary for Newton Labour Party used to pay the dues of a number of her nominal 40 members.

EXPENSES: £474

Harry Hunt Con
Ward 9, MOSSLEY

Old man of the Sea. Hoards road grit. More Populist than Tory, says what he thinks in Council and annoys boss Grantham who likes his underlings to leap when he twitches.
EXPENSES: £766

Peter Greenhough Con

Ward 12, ASHTON.

The Mayor, who costs us a record £40,000, but still claims to be 'out of pocket'. Mild mannered and ineffectual as Council Chairperson. Likes to be liked.

EXPENSES: £560 (Council), £10,500 (Mayoral).

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WELL, WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

Nationally it's easy!

Prices, unemployment, unions, boss power, E to cut or spend in the p sector etc. etc. They'v been given a fair bashin by the national press.

But what about Tamesid

There are 18 council se up for grabs and the po cal balance at the Town is pretty delicate. The Tories are in power by tiny margin. Three or lost seats will tip it ar Labour back at the con 'So what', I hear you a

Well, quite a bit.

If Labour takes over, side will be compreher by September.

A Direct Works Depar will be created to repl ailing Building Service and the small local co

on your hand-out

THE TWO MAJOR TAMESIDE PARLIAMENTARY SEATS ARE ASHTON AND STALYBRIDGE & HYDE.

ASHTON, HELD BY ROBERT SHELDON (LAB) IS BEING CONTESTED BY LOCAL TORY ALAN FEARN. IN STALY - BRIDGE & HYDE, TOM PEN-DRY (LAB) IS FIGHTING OFF A CHALLENGE FROM JOHN KERSHAW (CON)..

Robert Sheldon Lab

Bob has an impeccable elementary school and engineering apprenticeship background.

His 10,000 majority is safe against all but the most outrageous of Tory 'swings'.

Despite this Bob never stops campaigning.

Worthy Tamesiders who appear in the Reporter are virtually assured of a supportive letter from their caring M.P.

And his popularity with the local Labourites is not damaged by the occasional large donation to party funds.

A "radical" socialist whose principles did not prevent him from becoming Chairman of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, or from running his own Cotton Factory, Bob is no Parliamentary rebel and has reaped the rewards of unarguing loyalty.

Has been financial secretary to the treasury throughout its cost-cutting, anti-inflationary period of trying to encourage private investment and profits at the expense of living standards and employment.

A vote for Bob is a vote for the status quo.

And who knows - someday you too may get a letter!

Alan Fearn con

Deputy leader of Tameside Council.

Outspoken Chairman of Tameside dilapidated Social Services Department. Criticises his fellow Tories for starving Social Services of money. But he is as

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And why you shouldn't

Because it's a waste of time. None of the Major Parties are capable of solving the basic national, problem of chronic under-investment.
The TORIES put their faith in spending cuts and private enterprise. If they succeed they will produce a bigger banquet for the few and an increase in the quantity of crumbs for the rest of us. Until the next slump

LABOUR haven't the courage, conviction or political will to legislate for a planned economy. And any signs of a real LABOUR threat to big business profits would produce a run on sterling, pressure from the IMF and our 'allies', which would either force a retreat (as in 1974) or an election, stage managed by our predominantly Tory press.

No Major Party- with the laughable exception of the Liberals - has got anything to say about increasing genuine grassroots control over workshops and communities.

A vote for any of the big three is a vote about crumbs, not the loaf.

And it only encourages them to think we believe their lies.

Page 13 (Arts) in next issue. Please send us poems & stories.

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ISSUES

ors, who are at present doing much of the Borough's repair work, will have to look elsewhere for their profits.

Spending on Social Services will increase. The rates will rise.

Some will grin, others sigh.

There will, however, be little fundamental change.

At grassroots level, the tenants associations and playgroups and what-not that spring up and die and spring up again with manic regularity will be encouraged, so long as they don't cause trouble, and discouraged if they do.

Real power locally will remain with the two big parties, and the people with money and influence.
A vote now for any of the current crop of council candidates will not change that.

Election Special- Council

John Bell Con

Ward 8, WERNETH

The Les Large of Ashton Town Hall. Reads boring speeches (badly) from carefully prepared bits of paper Other Councillors laugh at him. Affectionately known as 'Dong'. The Chairman of Youth and Community who restricted use of Community Video Equipment after Mossley Residents used it to make a film that was critical of Tameside housing policy. Called Glyn Ford (Lab) "Left Wing Riff Raff" because he objected to spending public money on Medallions for ex-mayors.

Marion Tracey Con

Ward 15, DENTON E, N and N.E.

Poor Marion. An Aunt Sally for Labour's many Chauvinist Councillors. Chairperson of Environmental Health who is not happy about Councillors discussing chemical leaks and such-like. Censors rude films. Easily rattled. But at least has the nerve to speak her mind, such as it is. EXPENSES: £543

Abbey Con

Ward 12, ASHTON.

Chairman of education since Donald Thorpe received the electoral boot. Egg on his chin in January when he had to back down after threatening to open schools during caretakers strike.

EXPENSES: £734.

Jack Fletcher Con

Ward 4, ASHTON

The naughty Chairperson of Personnel who doctored a minute he did not like, and got his wrists slapped.

EXPENSES: £1,336 (top claimer) ABSENCES: 13 (4th worst).

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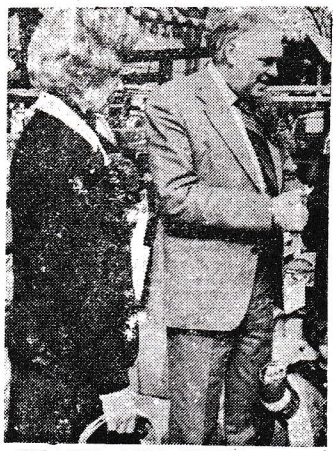
Election Special-Parliament

responsible as any for the spending cuts that did the damage in the first place.

His views on unions, education and immigration are as hard-line as his boss Colin Grantham. It's just that Alan is sweeter.



FEARN AND WIFE BABS

In 1977 hit the headlines when he said "I dont want a multi-racial society in Tameside".

His wife organised local mothers to blackleg the recent NUPE school cleaners strike.

Alan works hard at his image. Wants to appear as the acceptable face of Tameside Toryism.

A wolf in sheeps clothing?

Tom Pendry M.P Lab

Less impeccable qualifications than Sheldon. An Oxbridge man, unfortunately. But has made up for this early disadvantage by hobnobbing with the union side of the Labour movement ever since. A NUPE member, ex-NUPE official and NUPE backed MP, Pendry does not starve on the unsponsored MP's pittance.

Like Sheldon, a government man who, in recent years, has risen. Was the North West Whip from 1971-4 and last year became the Parliamentary Secretary to Ulster.

has an interesting knack of timing his spasms of local social concern with pending elections.

Kept very quiet during his union's unpopular bout of strike action in Tameside early this year.

John Kershaw Con

Kershaw is so right-wing, he wobbles when he walks. Represents Gorton on GMC.

In 1977 tried to stop North West Spanner - a Tameside theatre group - from getting any Arts Council funding. Reason? He didn't like their politics.

John is a supporter of the extreme-right National Association for Freedom (NAFF). Appears to be embarrassed about it though, because on at least one occasion he was seen to remove his NAFF badge just before Granada Reports TV cameras rolled.

John is most definitely NOT a Heathite Liberal Tory. He is a Law and Order Man (sits on the GMC Police Committee) and very keen on hanging (and, I shouldn't wonder, the rack and garrotting as well).

Anti-union, anti-strike, pro-big business and public spending cuts. A vote for John will bring the middle ages just that little bit closer.

Tameside planners are in a tizz over the verbal indiscretions of Edwin Hall JP.

Edwin, a self-employed businessman, is also a Tameside Councillor, a GMC Councillor and a member of the GMC Highways Committee. Which is part of the problem. Because he proclaimed at a recent Tameside Committee meeting that he knew which route would be chosen for the new Denton-Middleton ring road. "It will" he announced sagely, "be the yellow route".

Efforts were made to shut him up.
All in vain.
A few days later at another Committee meeting he did it again.

No doubt at all which route. "It will" quoth Edwin, "be the red route".

Since both the GMC and Tameside favour the blue route, (not to mention the local property developers and businessmen who have invested money on that supposition), Edwin's remarks are causing some disquiet.

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It appears that Edwin Hall's magisterial foot is never far from his mouth. He was recently quoted in the Reporter saying that Tameside's attitude to Housing problems is "compassionate". Well, Edwin IS Chairman of the Housing Committee, so he OUGHT to know. We just wondered though which policies he was thinking of. Was it the recent decision to render tenants homeless after only ONE eviction rather than two? Or was it his committee move to re-introduce "Distress" procedures, whereby tenants owing rent can have their property forfeit without resort to court orders? Or could it have been the council's decision NOT to budget for two additional workers at Tameside's hard-pressed Housing Aid Centre?

Which, Edwin?

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If you see members of Tameside Labour parties with a smug glow of deep, inner satisfaction on their faces, we know why.

The party of Law'n'Order has blotted its copybook.

One dark Friday night in April, after watching the place for some time, the boys in blue decided to pounce.....on Broadbottom Conservative club. And do 'em for after-hours supping. It is rumoured that as many as 30 people were surprised to find that - for once - the law was not on their side.

Wrecreation Department has just announced a Football Coaching Course: "Open to Boys aged 8-15 years". Girls, evidently, are not invited. The application form makes this quite clear, as it asks for the "Son's name" and starts off with: "I wish my son to be enrolled....."

Given that Women's Football is already being organised in Tameside (a new group has started on Hattersley), and Wrecreation Department are well known for being in touch with what is needed, we can only assume Tameside girls are far better at football than Tameside Boys - hence they don't need any extra coaching.

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My good friend TOM PENDRY M.P. was not happy with my item in the last issue of EYE praising his noble silence during the recent NUPE strike.

For some reason Tom thought I was being satirical, and was at pains to re-assure me that he WOULD have supported his fellow unionists IF it hadn't been for his unwillingness to break the local journalists strike that was on at about the same time.

And according to Tom, a press release he sent to the Reporter, in which he replied to attacks made on him by County Councillor Kershaw for not CONDEMNING the strike, was never published.

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I was deeply shocked to read that Derek Hartle JP, one of Tameside's most prominent citizens, a one-time Councillor, ex-president of the Hyde Conservative Association, has gone bust.

When I first heard the news I panicked.

How would Derek manage? Would his sons John (17) and Derek Junior (13) have to leave Harrow and go to the local - gulp - comprehensive? Would he have to sell Mottram Old Hall, and give back the thousands of pounds he has received from Tameside to help him turn it into a luxury home for himself and his family?

With his £31,000 a year salary (and his £322,000 shareholding) ripped untimely from his wallet was he, like his workforce, threatened with the dole?

Then, with a sigh of relief, I realised that Derek was safe. He still has his directorships on "a score of other companies" to keep the wolf from the door.

Wretch

nuclear emergency ~ OR ~ the end of civilization as we know it !

IF THE BOMB DROPPED TO-DAY, OUR VALIANT LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PREPARED. OR SHOULD BE PREPARED. ALL COUNTY COUNCILS (OURS BEING GREATER MANCHESTER) HAVE A DUTY UNDER CIVIL DEFENCE (PLANNING) REGULATIONS 1974 TO PLAN FOR WAR, AND GMC HAS REQUESTED DISTRICT COUNCILS LIKE TAMESIDE TO NOMINATE "KEY OFFICERS" WITH WAR TIME RESPONSIBILITIES.

OFFICERS

If Tameside's appointments follow the pattern of other district councils, these brave folk will be in command:

* District Controller (virtual dictator) - Chief Executive, David Spiers. And watch it! - because a district controller "certainly can order executions". (Region 1, p 14)
* District Food Officer - Director of Education, G. Mayall.
* Transport Officer - Director of Engineering, G.I. Baldwin.
* Intelligence and Information Officer, Think-before-you-speak Robinson.
* Communications Officer - Director of Administration, D. Leeming..
* Officer for Health, Sanitation and Refuse - Director of Environmental Health (Help! see below) H. Houldsworth.
* Officer for Works of Repair and Demolition, (ah, an appropriate one!) Director of Architecture, H.P.T. Bainbridge.
* Officer for Burial of the Dead - yes, you guessed it, Director of Recreation, Edward Neighbour.
* Officer for Billeting and care of Homeless - Director of Housing, W.G. Bryden. (doing a grand job. Whoops, the bomb hasn't dropped yet has it?)

These officers fitness for their duties must not be uncharitably guaged by Environmental Health Dept's. reaction to a small amount of radioactive waste they were asked to dispose of by a local school: apparently they were petrified and had no idea what to do with it. Eventually the school took it back afraid that Environmental Health might flush it down the toilet just to get rid of it.

Control Centre?

In order to carry out their important duties, these key officers will shelter in an emergency war HQ with 'phone and radio links to County control, and with emergency food supplies, ventilation etc., allowing them to survive a nuclear attack for at least two weeks. The value of this is questionable - but ours not to question. OUR role is quite clearly defined; we must stay at home until Mr. Neighbour comes to bury us. A government guide on how to survive nuclear wars states; 'STAY AT HOME - your own local authority will be best able to help you in war'.

A disturbing aspect of Tameside's ability to help you (assuming any-one can) is that whatever preparations they've made are very very secret

Other councils' minutes reveal discussion of Emergency Plans and their budgets reflect expenditure on, e.g., emergency telephone equipment. But a close inspection of Tameside's recent minutes and budgets shows EITHER that they're not making plans OR that they're just not letting on. which is disturbing - are amounts spent being "hidden" in the budgets somewhere?

Tameside Eye's TOP TIP for Emergency HQ?

The new telephone exchange building on the A-u-L bypass; a roomy basement with excellent communication links. Bet they don't let you in!

DANGERS

Home defence preparations are not only for use in nuclear war: Walter Lloyd, GMC's emergency planning officer, has said "the risk of nuclear war is unlikely" but "there is likely to be a continuing use of ..... insurgency and subversion" (Mole Express 52)

The Home Office sees a prime aim of Home Defence as "to secure the UK against any internal threat' (Region, 1, p.2.)
Home Defence plans are tailored to meet the threat of internal disorder in two vital ways:

1. Through the use of Police and armed forces. In '74 army-police exercises at Heathrow gave them practise in - what? Not defence against the bomb. Time Out claims that Heath activated the Regional (War) system of government in the confrontation with the Miners in early '74.

More recently, police and troops operating "Major Incident" plans have played a strike-breaking role in Firemen's and Ambulance Men's strikes.

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EYE ON THE MEDIA

A LOOK AT THE WAY A MONEY-SPINNING POPULAR FILM AND A SMALL WOMEN'S THEATRE GROUP TREAT THE SUBJECT OF PEOPLE.

Robert Altman- "A Wedding":

In "A WEDDING" Altman sets himself an easy - and unoriginal - task: to send up the grandeur and significance of holy matrimony by showing us the foibles and frailties of the poor mortals involved..As majestic and resounding music pounds forth the bride hesitates at the wrong end of the aisle whilst a loony female relation (the film abounds in these) attempts to remove a black blob from her wedding dress. The glorious words of the marriage service are mumbled and stuttered through by a senile Bishop who not only forgets the words, but drops the ring, forgets the couple's names, and needs to be told in a loud whisper when to 'turn round!"

And so it goes on - the entire film is a (fairly random) series of vignettes of the peculiar characters the ceremony has brought together; the drug-addicted mother of the groom, the endlessly banal bride's mother - Tulip; the bride's nymphomaniac younger sister who chooses this day to accuse the groom of 'impregnating' her (Mia Farrow, looking utterly beautiful and apparently aged 14); the gibbering gesticulating Italian men of the groom's side; granny in the attic (Lilian Gish) who chooses this, most inconvenient moment, to die.....and many others.

It's funny, as any caricature can be; but did Altman have pretensions towards anything more than a strip cartoon acted by beautiful people? Is a deeper comment being made, about families. love, marriage? Would self-concious, unloved, never-silent Tulip break out of her disastrous marriage to form a liaison with a loving gentle giant who propositioned her? After various silliness, came the answer which had been obvious all along- No. Would Correlli manage to have a conversation with his beautiful mermaid of a drugged wife? No. Her scratched record of a memory was hopelessly stuck in the day of their first meeting, when he'd found her beautiful, and in her endless fear of having "done something wrong". Would the shy, pretty little thing who'd left her husband at home end up behind the garage with her knees wrapped round her best friend's husband's neck? Of course. No development, no insight, no investigation of causes; acting on the assumption that love, marriage, society, screw people up, Altman showed us a rogues gallery of utterly screwed up folk (and especially screwed up women - the men didn't come out of it too badly at all, indeed Correlli Snr. even made a break for freedom at the end) and invited us to point our fingers and snigger.

Team Two - 'Belisha Beacon':

by M.Murray and E.Fairweather

TEAM TWO, a small arts-council financed women's theatre group, on a very different scale made a brave stab at the problems causing us all to be so screwed up. Three women gave a stunning performance of a play - BELISHA BEACON- which wasn't quite as good as they deserved, in about 10 square feet of space in Glossop Labour club in March.

(The show has appeared at the ICA, London, and can be booked by contacting Jenny Rees, Tel.01-997-2318)

In the course of a tipsy conversation after an unpleasant party, they discussed their lives, loves, politics, etc. Which sounds like a typical 'recipe' agitprop play - but it rose above that. Firstly, because it was hilarious, and secondly because the characterisation was excellent, giving the impression that (unlike Altman's people) these women were getting to grips with what was screwing them up, articulating it, analysing it, and clearing a space for themselves into which it would be possible to move on - that they were living, changing human beings.

They didn't have answers; one girl was a self-declared lesbian, but her attempt to express her love to another of the trio was as hesitant and self-conscious and delicate as any unscripted declaration of love, and showed a constant awareness of the traps which stereotyped ways of behaving create for people who want to be equal and honest. At one point, realising that they had both fallen into the game where she was the pursuer and the other was playing hard-to-get, she lost her temper - wanting them to meet on equal ground.

I was sad that this play showed women as human beings but dismissed the other half of the human race: it's time the women's movement stopped trying to retaliate against men by treating them in the same shoddy way that many of them treat us - as stereotypes. There are, thank god, people in the world.

Jane Rogers.

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Windscale

TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT?

A major news item recently was the emergency at Harrisburg Nuclear Power Station in the USA. The British Nuclear Power Industry was quick to assure us that it cannot happen here.

Here in the North-West, we all live well within the area that would be razed and/or irradiated should Windscale explode. The experts have said that the Atomic Energy business is the safest there is, and so it should be, because one mistake can prove fatal to thousands of people.

A major nuclear incident occurred in Britain on October 8th 1957 - at Windscale. One result was that Cumbrian farmers were instructed to pour their cows milk away. It was similar to Harrisburg: the technicians only realised they had an emergency on their hands when it was almost too late, due to the failure of various safety procedures.

There was no outright catastrophe, but what were the long-term effects on people living nearby? The government has not seen fit to check this out.

The main result of a nuclear catastrophe at Windscale on us would be due to radiation spread via the atmosphere: this would lead to more Cancer mal-formed children and so on. Future generations would have to pay the price-the final electricity demand.

Is it worth the risk and the cost? 1200 tonnes of nuclear fuel are moved around the North-West every year, due to the fuel plants in Capenhurst, Cheshire and Springfield, Lancs. Nuclear power still only accounts for 14% of our electricity supply, yet it swallows up research and investment cash at double the rate of conventional power stations. We are a high unemployment area, yet the nuclear industry is providing relatively few jobs for the capital invested. Let's halt the nuclear power industry now, whilst we still have the time to look at the alternative energy sources.

Abortion

A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE.

After over a year of silence the Director of Public Prosecutions, Sir Tony Hetherington, has just decreed that the menstrual aspiration technique is quite legal.

Early abortions by this method were stopped at Tameside General Hospital in 1977 after anti-abortionists brought in the police and threatened the consultant with prosecution if he continued.

If a woman thinks she is pregnant she should see her G.P. less than two weeks after a missed period, she can then be referred to the hospital.

No general anaesthetic is needed and she can go home after a few hours.

Tameside National Abortion Campaign asked Tameside Community Health Council and Robert Sheldon MP., to press for a ruling on the legality of menstrual aspiration. Now that this legal technicality has been settled let's hope that this valuable service to the women of Tameside will be resumed.

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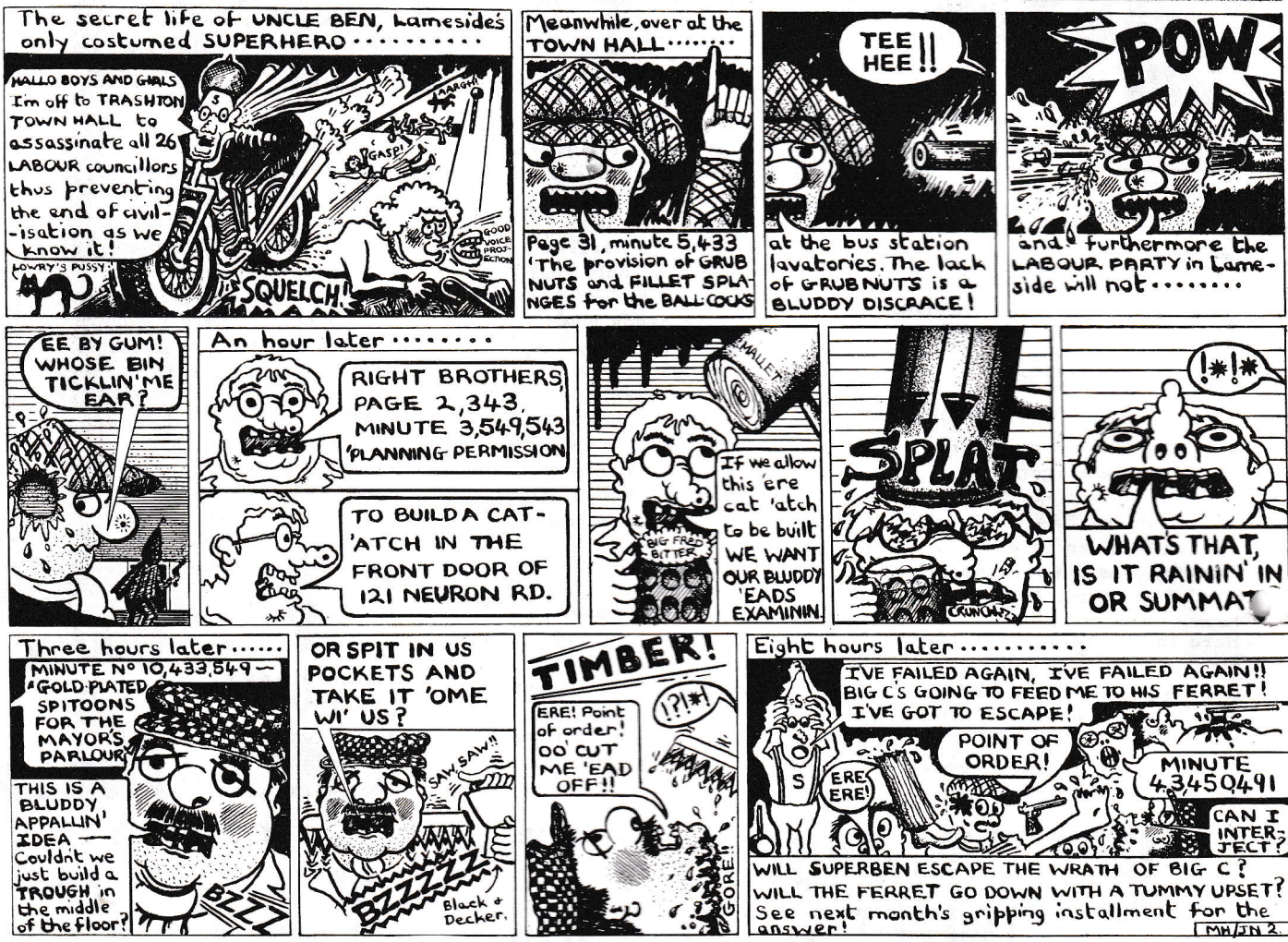
the secret life of Uncle Ben


The secret life of UNCLE BEN, Lamesides only costumed SUPERHERO.....
HALLO BOYS AND GHALS I'm off to TRASHTON TOWN HALL to assassinate all 26 LABOUR councillors thus preventing the end of civil-isation as we know it!
LOWRY'S PUSSY
GASP!
AAARGH!
GOOD VOICE PROJECTION
SQUELCH!
Meanwhile, over at the TOWN HALL.....
Page 31, minute 5,433 'The provision of GRUB NUTS and FILLET SPLANGES for the BALL-COCKS
TEE HEE!!
at the bus station lavatories. The lack of GRUB NUTS is a BLUDDY DISGRACE!
POW
and furthermore the LABOUR PARTY in Lameside will not.....
EE BY GUM! WHOSE BIN TICKLIN' ME EAR?
An hour later.....
RIGHT BROTHERS, PAGE 2,343, MINUTE 3,549,543 'PLANNING PERMISSION
TO BUILD A CAT-'ATCH IN THE FRONT DOOR OF 121 NEURON RD.
MALLET
BIG FRED BITTER
If we allow this 'ere cat 'atch to be built WE WANT OUR BLUDDY 'EADS EXAMININ
SPLAT
CRUNCH!
!*!*
WHAT'S THAT, IS IT RAININ' IN OR SUMMAT
Three hours later.....
MINUTE Nº 10,433,549 — 'GOLD-PLATED SPITOONS FOR THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR
THIS IS A BLUDDY APPALLIN' IDEA — Couldn't we just build a TROUGH in the middle of the floor?
BZZZ
OR SPIT IN US POCKETS AND TAKE IT 'OME WI' US?
SAW SAW!!
BZZZZZZ
Black & Decker.
TIMBER!
ERE! Point of order! OO' CUT ME 'EAD OFF!!
!?!*!
GORE!
Eight hours later.....
I'VE FAILED AGAIN, I'VE FAILED AGAIN!! BIG C'S GOING TO FEED ME TO HIS FERRET! I'VE GOT TO ESCAPE!
POINT OF ORDER!
ERE ERE!
MINUTE 4,345,491
CAN I INTERJECT?
WILL SUPERBEN ESCAPE THE WRATH OF BIG C?
WILL THE FERRET GO DOWN WITH A TUMMY UPSET?
See next month's gripping installment for the answer!
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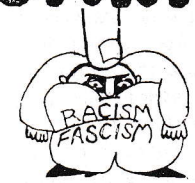

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2. War plans require councils to contact local voluntary groups so that they can help in emergencies Walter Lloyd sees contact with such groups as a useful tool against "Subversion". "If the situation develops into one of open hostility, then these organisations should be encouraged to take active steps to relieve distress; such activity has a cohesive effect on the community, they identify with the forces of Law and Order rather than the converse".

From a document by Lloyd quoted in Mole Express 52)

Sources: 'The County Warbook';pub. Mole Express, 'Region 1', pub. Black Jake Collective, Mole Express no's. 57, 52, 55 and the 'Political Police in Britain' by Tony Bunyan.